

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 26 February 2008 has been considered by the examiner.

Drawings

2. The drawings filed on 31 July 2006 have been approved by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-17 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the primary reason for the allowance of these claims is the inclusion of the limitations where two or more cholesteric liquid crystal layers having different selective reflection wavelength regions are laminated in order from shorter wavelength to longer wavelength where prism patterns are formed onto a side of the two or more cholesteric liquid crystal layers. The prior art does not teach or suggest these limitations in combination with the other claimed limitations of independent claims 1 and 6.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent No. 6,654,081 to Kawamoto et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,342,934 to Kameyama et al.

Each of these references discloses a polarizing light device and method of making a polarizing light device that is similar to the claimed invention. Neither reference teaches or suggests forming a prism pattern onto a side of two or more cholesteric liquid crystal layers having different selective reflection wavelength regions laminated in order from shorter wavelength to longer wavelength.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin S. Wood whose telephone number is (571) 272-2364. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney B. Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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